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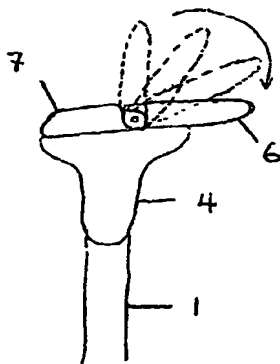
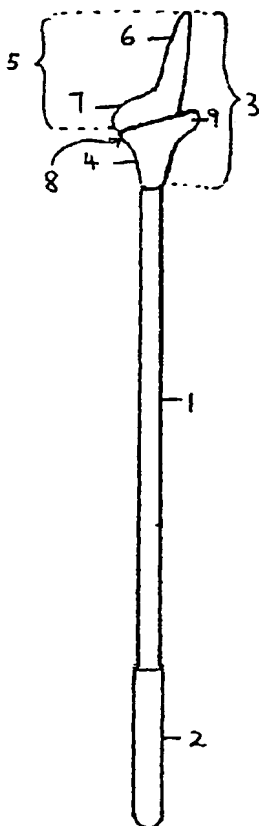
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(57) Abstract: An L-shaped, precision contoured EXO/ENDOCervical cell sampler for collecting representative cells is invented for pre-malignant and malignant diagnosis. The said cell sampler comprises of an elongated and rounded stick shaped (1) stem with a slightly thickened handle means (2) at one end, and a flattened connecting means (4) having two protrusions (8, 9) at the other end. An L-shaped configuration (5) at the root of said connecting means (4) has one vertical ENDOCervical contact portion (6) and one horizontal EXOCervical contact portion (7), which directly hug to the transformation zone thereby allowing a through and complete 360 DEG rotational sweeping-up of all the truly representative cells. When said cell sampler is withdrawn from the cervix, the vertical ENDOCervical contact portion (6) is subsequently bent and both the EXO- and ENDOCervical portions are swept across a microscope slide (10) for cytological microscopic examination.



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